

SILKROAD SUMMER 2021

Greetings In Jesus' name!

We arrived back last Wednesday from 30 hot and wonderful days in Bulgaria & Thracian Turkey!

Our hope is that through this report we can share something of what God did, whom we met and how we can all go on praying.

SHEFIK & SVETE in Sofia were our first stop. Svete is a busy doctor in a local maternity hospital and Shefik, a dear friend from Turkey. They are prime movers in the first ever Turkish fellowship in Bulgaria's capital. Their first baptism will take place early August.



ZEHRA, NEJDET and son **ISAK** were our next stop. They went out of their way to give us hospitality and saw us onto the bus to Turkey. A Turkish family going all out for Jesus!

ZEHRA'S BACKSTORY

15 years ago Zehra was in a bad car accident in Turkey. The doctors were discussing their only option of amputating both legs. Meanwhile Turkish believers in Bulgaria were crying out to God and coming to the hospital to give blood. A doctor, recently returned from the USA, came into the operating room and said, Wait, I saw a procedure in America and I think we can save her legs. And so they did. Now Zehra doesn't tire to share her story to all who will listen.



BERNA, BABY JENNIFER & our son JON were the perceived object of our trip and we spent 12 lovely days with them, but the Lord gave us much more!



Did we get an opportunity to share Jesus with our own flesh and blood? It was tricky but Berna was interested to download our NT app-in-progress. Because she is a Turkish literature teacher she is giving valuable pointers. Please pray that God's word resonates in her heart.

STORY TELLING in Swiss German. We stayed a week at Eno & Miriam's base in a remote village that even challenges Bulgarians to find! Over the weekend we held a mini consultation with five workers among Turks who agreed to work more



closely as a team in NE Bulgaria and neighbouring N. Macedonia. Nightly we traded 'God Stories' with the children. (All the children spoke Swiss German)



PREACHING TO EMPTY CHAIRS? We were invited to a small Turkish fellowship that we have had contact with for 25 years. Most of the members have left for jobs in W. Europe, thus we prepared ourselves for empty chairs. I shared from our new edition of Luke-Acts for a few minutes, then invited people for prayer. An older Turkish lady visiting from Germany who had been very hostile to her daughter's conversion decided for Jesus.



Our final night was spent in a Sofia airport hotel. By a 'Strange Coincidence' that God must have arranged, our friend Warren arrived from the States as we prepared to fly home. Together we laid hands on the van he would drive the next day to collect an Albanian pastor and together survey KOSOVO to begin a Turkish church plant. Pray that God opens doors for this.



YES, we are in recuperation mode and loving every moment of English rain and temps less than half of where we've been. Of course, our dear brothers and sisters are asking, "When will you be back?". 'God knows' is our answer. Let us give thanks for all that He is doing! And thank you for all your prayers.

A FINAL REQUEST – Alison is scheduled to have left hip replacement surgery next week THURSDAY AUGUST 12th. Please pray for her and all that surrounds this operation. And pray for George that he can be a good care giver!

Love & Greetings,

George & Alison